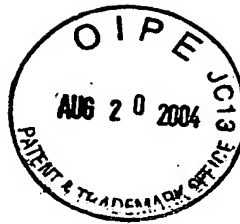


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IN THE CLAIMS

1 to 37 (Previously Cancelled)

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55-62. (Previously Cancelled)

63. (Previously Amended) A configuration of fiber optic modules having one or more electro-optic transducers, the configuration comprising:

 a printed circuit board having a first side and a second side;

 a first cage coupled to the first side of the printed circuit board to receive a first fiber optic module having a first bail latch delatching mechanism;

 a second cage coupled to the second side of the printed circuit board to receive a second fiber optic module having a second bail latch delatching mechanism, the second cage aligned in parallel to the first cage such that a first belly of the first fiber optic module is adjacent a second belly of the second fiber optic module; and

 when received in the first cage and the second cage, the

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first fiber optic module and the second fiber optic module having adequate spacing to allow the first bail latch delatching mechanism and the second bail latch delatching mechanism to rotate to a disengaged position.

64. (Previously Amended) The configuration of claim 63 wherein, the first belly of the first fiber optic module being adjacent to the second belly of the second fiber optic module to provide increased density.

65 to 93 (Previously Cancelled)

94. (Cancelled)

95. (Previously Added) The configuration of claim 63 wherein,

the first bail latch delatching mechanism includes
a first bail-latch to disengage and withdraw the
first fiber optic module from the first cage, and
a first pivoting pin to rotationally couple the
first bail-latch to the first fiber optic module;

and

the second bail latch delatching mechanism includes
a second bail-latch to disengage and withdraw the
second fiber optic module from the second cage, and
a second pivoting pin to rotationally couple the
second bail-latch to the second fiber optic module.

96. (Previously Added). The configuration of claim 95 wherein the first fiber optic module includes a first boss to engage a first latch of the first cage, and

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when the first bail-latch is in a horizontal position, the first boss is disengaged from the first latch of the first cage; and, the second fiber optic module includes a second boss to engage a second latch of the second cage, and

when the second bail-latch is in a horizontal position, the second boss is disengaged from the second latch of the second cage.